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October 2023 Newsletter

The next general club meeting is Tuesday October 10, at the Turlock Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA 95380. The meeting start time is 7:00 PM. There will be an amateur radio VE session at 6:00 pm. The doors may not open until the completion of testing, usually between 6:30 pm – 6:45 pm.



From the desk of the ARC-Over editor:  
Lucian KF6NPG

Welcome to this month's club newsletter, the ARC-OVER. I hope you found last month's issue informative.

The annual club potluck was great and if you did not attend you missed out on some great food and camaraderie. Look for the pictures in this newsletter.

The annual club Christmas dinner will take place on December 12, 2023, and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm, short meeting to follow. Check the minutes for the menu and price.

Ed K7ERD has been running the club net on Tuesday's and he is always looking for other club members to assist. Thanks to Fernando W6FRD as he has been running some of the nets to help. If you are interested in running a club net, please contact ED at a club meeting.

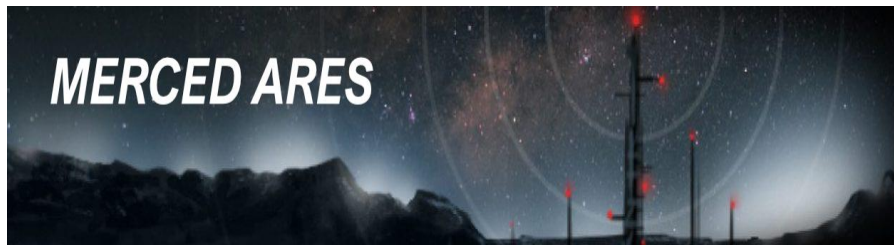
We are always looking for articles or items of interest for the ARC-OVER. If you have something for the newsletter, please send to Lucian KF6NPG at [kf6npg@aol.com](mailto:kf6npg@aol.com).

## PREZ SEZ:

Bambi KI6YQL

President Bambi wanted to thank all the members who attended last month's meeting. The annual BBQ was great. She wanted to remind everyone that elections for club officers and board members will take place in December. Nominations take place in November. If you are interested in serving as an officer or board member, please let Walter KI6PBL or Spencer KJ6ART know.

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Amateur Radio Operators, or “hams,” have a long history of serving their communities when storms or other disasters damage critical communication infrastructure, such as cell phone towers and fiber optic networks. Amateur radio functions completely independent of the internet and phone systems, and a ham radio station can be set up almost anywhere in minutes. Amateurs can quickly raise a wire antenna in a tree or on a mast, connect it to a radio and power source, and communicate effectively with others.

The ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service® ARES® ([www.arrl.org/ares](http://www.arrl.org/ares)) consists of hams who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment with their local ARES leadership for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes. They use their training, skills, and equipment to prepare for and provide communications during emergencies When All Else Fails®. (Courtesy of the ARRL (Amateur Radio Relay League)).

If you are interested in emergency communications and serving the community, please consider joining Merced ARES. They have a weekly radio net on Mondays on the TARC repeater at 7:00 pm. **A big thanks to Dinnie N6TLW for running the voice nets.** They meet monthly on the third Wednesday at 6:00 pm at the Pizza Factory, 3146 G St. Merced, CA. For more information, please contact the Merced ARES Emergency Coordinator, Richard W6ABJ at [w6abj@arrl.net](mailto:w6abj@arrl.net).



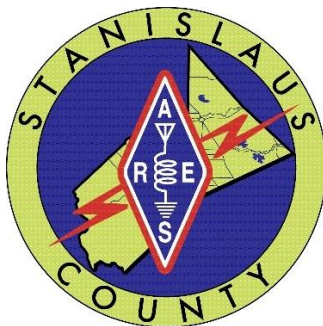
**Get Ready to Shake Out October 19, 2023, at 10:19 AM**

<https://www.shakeout.org>



On Thursday October 19, 2023, Stanislaus ARES will be conducting a voice net and will coordinate winlink DFYI (Did You Feel It) and FSR (Field Situation Report) reports in support of the annual Shakeout and earthquake preparedness. The voice net will start at 10:19 AM on the SARA Club 145.390 - pl 136.5 repeater. Everyone is encouraged to check in to the net. If you are winlink proficient you would also send in your winlink reports at that time. If you are not available at 10:19 AM, you can submit winlink reports later, just be sure to enter 10:19 AM as the time of occurrence in the winlink DFYI form.

If you are interested in participating in the voice net and/or submitting winlink reports, please let me know and I will send you the event instructions. Please send e-mail to Lucian KF6NPG at [kf6npg@aol.com](mailto:kf6npg@aol.com).





The September meeting potluck was well attended. Lots of good food and fellowship.



John Litz NZ6Q, the SJV Section Manager picked a good night to visit the club.



**Meeting of the Turlock Amateur Radio Club  
September 12, 2023 @ 6:55PM  
Salvation Army Facility, 893 Lander Ave, Turlock**

Meeting called to order at 6:55 pm by President Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) with untold members and guests in attendance. The meeting immediately followed a successful pot luck dinner with Root Beer Floats for dessert, which started at 6:00 pm.

**Secretary's Report:**

President Bambi Schmidt (KI6YQL) dispensed with the reading of the minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** (previously given at the Board Meeting on Sept 5th):

Report previously presented by Treasurer Mike Smith, (KG6VFL). Account balances, checking \$3,061.56 and CD \$5033.00; .Paid \$157.19 to PG&E for power at Mt. Bullion; Curtis family trust Mt. Bullion premises rent '23/24 420.00; KJ6ART, Mt. Bullion Genset repair parts \$230.66; collected \$-0-; 76 dues paid members.

**Membership Chairman's Report:**

76 memberfs

**Repeater Chairman's Report:**

none.

**ArcOver Publisher's Report:**

Items for the ArcOver are due by Sept 20, 2023.

**Vice President's Report:**

Vice President Richard Larson (W6ABJ) has indicated that the press of current employment prevents him from running for office at this time..

**Merced ARES Report:**

Richard Larson (W6ABJ) again due to press of current employment is having to defer net duties and Dinnie is filling in for Monday night nets. Still planning on the Wednesday night meeting in Merced.

**VEC Report:**

Richard Larson (W6ABJ), test sessions are scheduled to be October 10th.

**Old Business:** Christmas Dinner, will be catered again this year at \$40.00 per person with the entree Chicken Piccata, penne pasta topped with parmesan and parslehy, a salad with fruit and nuts with homemade dressing along with assorted breads and butter. Dessert will be Gingerbread cake topped with whipped cream.

**New Business:** Another realingment of the morning club net was requested as Ken Stillwell (K6IDK) due to shift hours changing could no longer take Wednesdays.

John NZ6Q, Section manager for ARRL gave a presentation and announced several upcoming events along with flyers.

**Meeting Adjourned** by. Motion by Eric McMillan (K7RKU) and Second by Jerry Breault (KN6GJK), Motion carried.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## On Going Event

[Electronics Flea Market](#) at West Valley College in Saratoga. Once a month on the second **Sunday**.

## October

CQP (California QSO Party) October 7 and 8, 2023. Thanks to Ken KF6IDK for this information.

Club meeting Tuesday October 10, 2023, 7:00pm. A VE session (Amateur radio testing will take place before the meeting at 6:00 pm). Doors may not open until 6:30pm to 6:45 pm depending on the testing.

Great California Earthquake drill October 19, 2023, at 1019 am.

Pacificon 2023 October (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) 20-22, 2023. To register go to [www.pacificon.org](http://www.pacificon.org).

## November

Club Meeting Tuesday November 14, 2023, at 7:00 pm. They will take nominations for club officers and board members.

Turkey Trot (further information to follow).

## December

Turlock Christmas Parade Friday December 1, 2023.

Club meeting and Christmas dinner Tuesday December 12, 2023 starts at 6:30pm for dinner and short meeting to follow. Check this months' minutes for menu and price. Election of club officers and board members will take place at this meeting.



# California QSO Party

## 58th Running Of The CQP!

**1600 UTC October 7, 2023 to 2200 UTC October 8, 2023**

## Welcome!

The California QSO Party (CQP) is held every year on the first weekend of October. The first CQP took place in 1966. Since 1974, the Northern California Contest Club ([NCCC](#)) has sponsored CQP. CQP has traditionally opened the annual contest season by providing an opportunity for contesters to prepare for the ARRL November Sweepstakes since the format is similar.

Stations outside of California, worldwide, work stations in California only. The 58 counties of CA are the [multipliers](#). California stations work all stations in or out of CA. The 50 US states and 13 Canadian provinces/territories are the multipliers. Stations outside of Canada and the US add to one's QSO total but do not count as multipliers. See the full set of [CQP Rules](#) for more details. On this site you will find lots of information, so peruse the index above and learn all about the California QSO Party! Also, be sure to visit the [NCCC](#) website for the latest scoop on a super contest club.

- **Before CQP:**
  - Review [County Tracker Page](#)
  - Please [Activate-Your-County](#)
  - Read The 2023 [Rules](#)
  - [Update Your Logging Software with 2023 Rules Changes](#)
  - [Read CQP 2023 Operating Strategy](#)
  - Participate in Friday, October 6 Practice
- **After CQP**
  - **Send In Your Log Before The Deadline: Monday, 23-Oct-2023 at 2359 UTC**
  - **Start [HERE](#)**  
NOTE: See the [Rules](#) page for submitting via email.
  - After you submit your log, you can check to be sure it's listed on the CQP server: [HERE](#)

## Contest Log

Please refer to the [Rules](#) web page for the preferred way to submit your log.

## Documentation

- [Rules PDF](#), or visit the [Rules](#) web page.
- [Multipliers PDF](#) - list of valid multipliers and common logging errors
- [CQP Records](#)

## Contact Information

Many NCCers contribute to making the CQP a success. Feel free to contact any of the following members for additional information or comments:

CQP Chairman, Dean Wood, [N6DE](#)

Log Submission and Log Checking: Tom Epperly, [NS6T](#), WACC: Fred Jensen, [K6DGW](#), Website: John Miller, [K6MM](#)



## W1AW/6 OPERATING EVENT 10/11/23 - 10/17/23



Spencer,

Please pass this along to your club members as an invitation to participate.

Thanks for all you do for Amateur Radio

73

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### Special Event Instructions W1AW/6

As a part of the [Year of the Volunteer celebration](#), the mystical callsign W1AW will be operating from all corners of land. ARRL members in each state/territory will be approved to operate their stations during two different weeks using the callsign W1AW/x where x is one of the local regions: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, KL, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH7, KH8, KP2, KP3, or KP4.

California's second week starts October 11, 2023, at 0000z and will run through October 17, 2023, at 2359z, using the callsign W1AW/6. Each state coordinator will approve time, band, and mode slots throughout the week and hams will be able to operate their stations using W1AW/x.

If you wish to be one of the official W1AW/6 authorized operators for California, you may sign up at the link listed here or below.

<https://ok.arrl.org/w1awca/>

You may also email the CA VOTA Coordinator: John Litz, NZ6Q at [nz6q@arrl.org](mailto:nz6q@arrl.org). You may also call John at 209-687-0774.

You may, subject to the following conditions, select any available two-hour operating time slot for the band and mode (SSB, CW, Digital) of your choice. Once selected, it's selected - NO CLAIM JUMPING !! Use an approved electronic logging program capable of creating an ADIF file. You will email your files to the coordinator.

***All approved W1AW/6 operators are expected to observe all FCC regulations, including only operating on frequencies allocated to their license class and at permitted power levels. Violators, may, unless The Old Man is merciful, be Wouff-Honged!***

Minimum station requirements:

- 100W + yagi, hexbeam or good vertical antenna or better on 20-15-10M
- 100W (or more up to Legal Limit) + good vertical or dipole antenna on 80-40M

Be comfortable with the modes you select. If you work a lot of FT-8 or your station may be limited then sign-up on FT-8. If you like RTTY or digital do that. If you have a solid station on all bands then sign-up for bands/modes/times following the guidelines below.

### **Portable W1AW Rules**

- Each operator must follow the rules for their own license class. Stay in the sub-bands that you are legally allowed to operate.
- Operators can operate anywhere in the state. Please observe the above guidelines when choosing your time/mode slots.
- ARRL members that contact the Portable W1AW stations will receive 5 points in the VOTA event.
- Each band/mode combination can be activated simultaneously. For example, N6ACL could be working on 20M SSB, N5SML could be working on 20M FT8, NZ6Q could be working on 20 M CW, and K6WX could be on 40 M SSB, all at the same time.
- The state weekly assignments are shown in the W1AW/ Schedule area at <http://vota.arrl.org> State operations start at 0000z each Wednesday and stop at 2359z the following Tuesday.
- Operations are not allowed on the 12 M, 17 M, 30 M, 60 M, 630 M, or 2190 M bands.
- All logs for the week must be consolidated into one ADIF file and sent to the state coordinator to be uploaded to LoTW.

- When you sign up for a one-hour slot, you are also selecting a band and a mode. Signing up for CW on 20M is one slot, phone and digital modes are two other slots.
- One operator per band/mode at the same time. (i.e., two stations cannot be on 40CW or 20 SSB from CA at the same time)
- You may only use the band and mode you have selected, for the time period you requested. You may request multiple slots throughout the week. To allow for as many stations as possible to operate, please limit yourself to no more than 4 hours in a row on any band and mode. You are encouraged to select multiple modes (i.e... 2 hours on CW, 2 hours on SSB, 2 hours on RTTY on any band is a full day - and it gives others the chance to participate.
- Check back on the sign-up sheet often & during the event. If you're operating 20M FT8 for two hours, but the next hour is open and you want to continue, then add your call into that 3rd hour and continue.

### SIGN-UP LINK

<https://ok.arrl.org/w1awca/>

If you have any questions, please contact the California State Coordinator John Litz at [nz6q@arrl.org](mailto:nz6q@arrl.org) or by phone 209-687-0774.

73,

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# PACIFICON<sup>SM</sup> 2023

ARRL Pacific Division Ham Radio Convention  
*Produced by the Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club*



## PACIFICON<sup>SM</sup> 2023 October 20-22, 2023

San Ramon Marriott  
2600 Bishop Drive  
San Ramon, CA 94583

For more information and to register go to  
<https://www.pacificon.org>





## TURLOCK AMATEUR RADIO CLUB SPRING 2024 AUCTION

Saturday February 10, 2024, Time TBD

Turlock Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA 95380

The estates of Grady and Mike will be a part of the auction. If you are interested in selling items at the auction, please contact Spencer KJ6ART at [kj6art@arrl.net](mailto:kj6art@arrl.net) or Richard W6ABJ at [w6abj@arrl.net](mailto:w6abj@arrl.net)

Lunch provided.

Further details will be coming soon. Please check the Turlock Amateur Radio Club website for updates at [www.w6bxn.org](http://www.w6bxn.org)

## **TARC System Nets**

- TARC Tuesday Night Net - Tuesdays 7 PM, except for the second Tuesday
- Bacon and Eggs Net - Weekdays 7 AM
- Merced ARES Net - Mondays 7 PM
- San Joaquin Section ARES Net - Sundays 7:30 PM

## **2023 Dues**

Just a reminder, dues are now payable for 2023. Dues help with upkeep on the TARC repeater system and club events. Please include a [membership application](#) to help keep our information up to date. Thanks!

- Individual Membership: \$25
- Family Membership: \$35

Are you receiving TARC emails? If not [head over to W6BXN.org](http://W6BXN.org) and subscribe.

## **2023 Club Officers**

President Bambi Schmidt KI6YQL

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Member at Large Lynn Smith KM6DKF

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Club Trustee Spencer Boyd KJ6ART

[kj6art@arrl.net](mailto:kj6art@arrl.net)

## **Election Committee**

Walter Schmidt KI6PBL

Spencer Boyd KJ6ART

Current members who are interested in serving are: President Bambi KI6YQL, Vice President Lucian KF6NPG, Secretary Walter KI6PBL, Treasurer Mike KG6VFL, Sergeant at Arms Jerry, KN6GJK, Members at Large, Lynn KM6DKF and John N6JCS. Several of these have served multiple terms and would be glad to see other members step up and take a turn. If you are a little hesitant, do not worry. The current members would be happy to mentor you. If you are interested in serving as a club officer, please contact Walter or Spencer.